

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Barath, et. al. )  
Serial Number: 09/733,563 )  
Filed: 12/08/2000 ) Art Unit 3731  
Examiner: Gary Jackson )  
For: Method and Coupling Apparatus for )  
Facilitating a Vascular Anastomoses )  
Attorney Docket Number: 70762.01 )

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Box Amendment  
Washington, D.C.

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action postmarked October 8, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire early on January 8, 2003, having a statutory expired on April 8, 2003, please amend the above captioned patent application as follows: